



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Newberry School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 5,788**  
**Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	22	2	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	65.9%	64.1%	59.5%	66.0%	64.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.9%	69.9%	65.9%	69.6%	70.6%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	30.9%	24.8%	13.1%	21.8%	23.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	38.0%	30.7%	19.8%	27.3%	31.3%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	70.9%	15.1%	14.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.1%	11.8%	11.1%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	84.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.8%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	62.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.9%

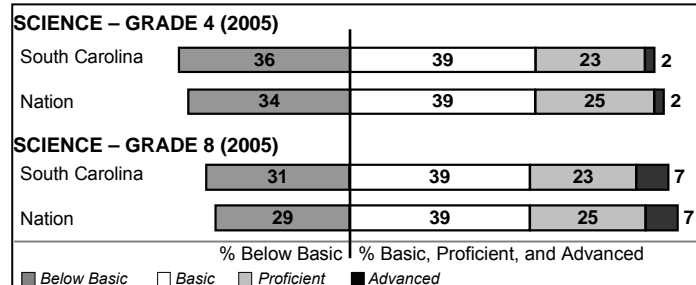
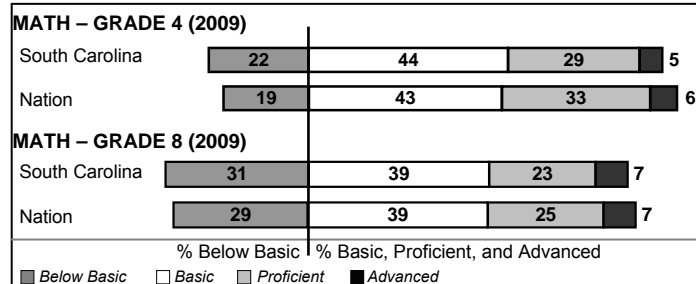
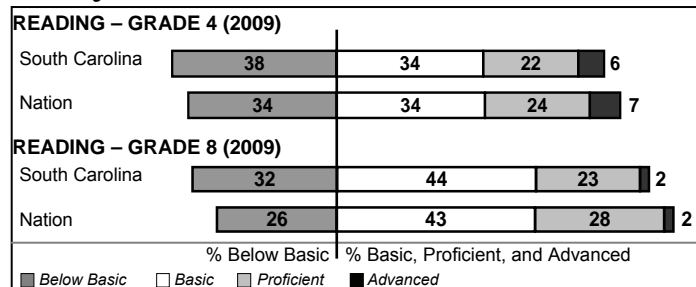
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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# Newberry School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=5,788)</b>				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 2.9%	2.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.6%	95.4%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	23.3%	Up from 12.7%	15.5%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.1%	No Change	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.3%	Up from 3.9%	4.5%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	No Change	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.4%	Up from 5.4%	11.1%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	29.5%	Down from 49.2%	48.6%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.2%	Up from 28.1%	31.1%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	89	Up from 74	63	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	39	Down from 44	39	29
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Down from 4.6%	3.2%	3.1%
<b>Teachers (n=429)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.7%	Up from 62.2%	59.5%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	82.5%	Up from 77.9%	83.7%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.4%	Down from 5.6%	3.4%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.9%	Up from 85.9%	89.7%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.6%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,926	Up 0.8%	\$46,954	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 1.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	Down from 1.2%	2.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Down from 16.4 days	12.8 days	12.6 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.0%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,317	Up 2.5%	\$9,300	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.4%	Down from 52.7%	54.0%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0%	Down from 55.7%	56.3%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	11	9
Portable classrooms	10.5%	Up from 6.7%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	25 Years	Down from 27 Years	27 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	14.0	No Change	11.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 91.3%	97.6%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$81,780	No Change	\$79,227	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	I/S	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

We continue to enjoy many successes in our school district. Our district graduation rate was the third highest in the state, and all three high schools were recognized as Palmetto Gold Award winners. Newberry and Whitmire were recognized for overall performance, with Mid-Carolina being recognized for closing the achievement gap. In the "Districts like Ours" category, we were 1st in graduation rate, 2nd in absolute rating, and 6th in growth rate. Our overall absolute rating improved, as well as the absolute rating in six of our schools. Six schools met AYP, and Little Mountain Elementary received a Palmetto Gold Award for overall performance.

While continuing to enjoy many successes, the focus of this district and our schools is for all students' continuous improvement. We are diligent in looking for opportunities to expand our choice options even as we face a most difficult budget year. Montessori at the elementary level and single-gender at the middle level have proven to be very successful options for our students and parents. Many of our high school students take advantage of our dual-credit offerings in conjunction with a wide variety of virtual classes.

Our successes are achieved through the efforts and commitment of our dedicated trustees, capable administrators, and talented Faculty and Staff.

We realize that support from our families and the community is essential to the overall development of our students. Although we celebrate our successes, we remain committed to providing the best educational experience possible for the students of Newberry County.

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